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PROGRAM TITLE **UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS**  
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DAY & DATE **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1943**

TIME **11:30-12:00 NOON CWT WENR BLUE**

## PRODUCTION NOTES

### CHARACTERS

JIM  
JERRY  
WALT  
TOM

### CAST

HARVEY HAYS  
FRANK DANE  
LEO CURLEY  
FRED SULLIVAN

### SOUND

### REMARKS

MASTER Attached as broadcast:

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1 ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers!

2 MUSIC: THEME

3 ANNOUNCER: In many of our National Forests, both wild deer and domestic  
4 cattle occupy the same range. In fact the Forest Rangers  
5 often encourage this double use of the same land. It's  
6 entirely possible, and practical, in places where natural  
7 food is sufficient to accommodate both kinds of animals.  
8 It takes proper management and control of both the big game  
9 and the domestic livestock, of course, so that the land is  
10 not overworked. If this happens the numbers of big game  
11 and livestock must be adjusted in fairness to all interests,  
12 public and private alike.....Now to the Pine Cone Ranger  
13 Station where we find Ranger Jim Robbins talking to his  
14 old friend Walt Matthews, the State Game Commissioner, about  
15 the deer hunting season soon to open locally. Here they  
16 are-----

17 JIM: (FADING IN) Yes, it all looks fine down on paper, Walt.  
18 Now if we can just get through the regulated deer hunt  
19 without any hitches.....

20 WALT: Without any hitches? What do you mean, Jim?

21 JIM: The best laid plans of mice and men go oft astray, you know.

22 WALT: Yeah, but what could possibly happen to mess up the hunt,  
23 Jim?

24 JIM: Well, there's a lot of private land mixed up in the Bull  
25 Creek section of the national forest, you know. It's not  
solid government land.

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1 WALT: Sure, but you get along okay with the ranchers, don't you?  
2 JIM: Yes, we do pretty well.  
3 WALT: Okay then. Now, if you're worrying about not getting enough  
4 deer taken out to keep that deer herd in balance with their  
5 food supply on the range, forget it! The applications for  
6 hunting permits are coming in fine, Jim.  
7 JIM: Yes, I reckon there's a lot of folks itching to get a nice  
8 fat deer. Y'know, Walt, every deer that comes out of Bull  
9 Creek is going to make the meat situation around here that  
10 much easier.  
11 WALT: Yeah, and what about the hide situation? Uncle Sam's  
12 calling for all the deer hides he can get this year, don't  
13 forget.....But that's beside the point right now, Jim. You're  
14 anticipating some kind of trouble, huh?  
15 JIM: I don't know exactly, Walt. There's something in the air,  
16 thought.  
17 SOUND OF RUNNING FOOTSTEPS ON STAIRS OFF  
18 WALT: Walt. Somebody's coming.  
19 JIM: (CHUCKLING) Yeah, sounds like Jerry.  
20 WALT: Oh, your young assistant ranger, huh?  
21 DOOR OPENS:  
22 JERRY: (SLIGHTLY OFF, COMING ON) Hey, Jim, we're headed for  
23 trouble...Oh, hello there, Mr. Matthews.  
24 DOOR CLOSES  
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1 WALT: Yes, I'm still here, Jerry.

2 JIM: What's up, Jerry?

3 JERRY: I just saw Tom Barlow down in Winding Creek, Jim.

4 JIM: Tom Barlow, huh? He's one of the Bull Creek ranchers, Walt.

5 A lot of his land's inside the forest boundary.

6 WALT: Oh.

7 JERRY: Barlow wanted me to tell you that he and that whole Bull

8 Creek crowd are pulling out.

9 JIM: Pulling their land out of the management area? When?

10 JERRY: Right away.

11 WALT: They can't do that, can they, Jim? Don't you have an

12 agreement with those folks?

13 JIM: Yes, but only a yearly basis, Walt. They can do what they

14 want to. It's their land after all....But just the same it

15 kinda hurts. We've been years building up that management

16 area, Walt. For proper and sensible handling it needs all

17 the land that's in it right now, public as well as private

18 land.....Jerry, did Barlow tell you what's behind.....

19 (TELEPHONE RINGS)....there's the phone.

20 JERRY: I'll get it, Jim. (RECEIVER OFF) Hello, Ranger Station....

21 Who?....Yeah, he's here. Hold on a minute....It's for you,

22 Mr. Mathews.

23 WALT: Huh, I wonder who'd be calling me here...Thanks, Jerry....

24 (TO PHONE) Matthews speaking...Oh, hello, Bob....Yes?....

25 (SLIGHT PAUSE)...That's it, huh?....Well, I don't know Bob.

I better call you back after I talk with Jim Robbins....

Right...Goodbye (RECEIVER DOWN) That was Bob Swift, Jim.



1 JERRY: Bob Swift? President of the Pine Cone County Sportsman's  
2 Club?

3 WALT: Yeah...This fellow Barlow sure gets around, Jim. Bob just  
4 tangled with him.

5 JIM: About the hunt, I reckon?

6 WALT: Right. Bob says the Bull Creek ranchers are going to  
7 post their land against hunting this season.

8 JERRY: Good gravy, those men are on the warpath, aren't they?

9 WALT: Jim, what's it all about? Does this mean we're going to  
10 have to call the hunt off?

11 JIM: It does if we can't get this business straightened out,  
12 pronto. The deer range over that whole Bull Creek  
13 area. They don't pay any attention to ownership lines.

14 WALT: Gosh, if the deer get too thick up there they'll ruin the  
15 range, and starve themselves out. And then the ranchers'll  
16 be hollering for getting rid of all the deer and the  
17 sportsmen'll want to save the deer and get rid of all the  
18 cattle, and it'll be a sweet mess all around... What can  
19 we do, Jim?

20 JIM: I don't know. Maybe we could get the boys together, all  
21 of 'em we can, at a little meeting.

22 JERRY: The ranchers and the hunters? That's out, Jim. Those men  
23 can't just drop their work to have a social tea together,  
24 these days.

25 WALT: I wouldn't say it'd be any sociable tea party, exactly,  
anyhow.





1 JIM: Say! Why not, Walt? Maybe not tea but why not coffee  
2 and doughnuts? We could meet at night, around a campfire,  
3 right up there on the Bull Creek range.

4 WALT: Maybe you've got something there, Jim. They're all out-door  
5 men, so to speak, with the common bond of Nature between  
6 'em, whether they know it or not...Maybe we can save this  
7 deer hunt after all.

8 JIM: There's more to all this than just this hunt, Walt,  
9 however important the hunt might be.

10 JERRY: Sure, we got next year's use of the range to worry about.

11 JIM: Yep, what's at stake here is the whole philosophy of proper  
12 land management, with everybody in there punching for the  
13 common good.....Well, we're wasting time, Walt. You call  
14 Bob Swift and tell him to round up all the men he can....  
15 Jerry, you and I are heading for Bull Creek.

16 WALT: When are you planning to have this outdoor meeting?

17 JIM: Right now, Walt. Tonight.

18 WALT: (DOUBTFULLY) I don't know, Jim.....

19 JIM: Here, none of that, Walt. You get those hunters together,  
20 as many as you and Bob can. I know we can get Barlow and  
21 his bunch to go along with us on this meeting at least.  
22 We'll see you at 8 o'clock tonight up there on High Park  
23 in the Bull Creek area.....Ready, Jerry?

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JERRY: Yeah, I guess so. I'm not so sure it's gonna work, Jim,  
but anyway, I'm all for those doughnuts (FADE) and coffee.

PAUSE:

FADE IN BACKGROUND CROWD CHATTER - (POSSIBLE TO HAVE BANJO STRUMMING OR  
VOICE WITH "HOME ON THE RANGE" THROUGH FOLLOWING?)

JERRY: (THROUGH CROWD AND BACKGROUND MUSIC) Say, Jim Mrs. Robbins  
sure fixed up a swell batch of doughnuts. Look at those  
fellas lapping 'em up....Say, aren't you having any?

JIM: Maybe later on, Jerry.....H-m-m- Look: to me like this  
bunch is ~~too~~ happy, almost, and too friendly. That won't  
solve anything.

WALT: (COMING ON) Hey, Jim, this was a great idea. You'd never  
know there was any misunderstanding in this crowd. See  
'em all sitting around the fire together. Even Tom  
Barlow and Bob Swift. See 'em over there, talking real  
friendly?

JIM: Yeah, probably about everything else but what's in all our  
minds....I reckon we better get started though, Walt.

WALT: Yeah, sure....(VOICE UP) All right, men. (CROWD NOISE  
OUT) Jim Robbins thought I ought to act as kind of chairman  
here tonight seeing as how I'm the person least interested  
in this local situation. (CROWD LAUGHS) Well, have it  
your way...At any rate, this informal meeting's opened.  
You all know what's up and this is a swell turnout. Now,  
anybody's welcome to speak right out. (SLIGHT PAUSE)  
Come on, men. We won't get anywhere if we don't bring this  
business out in the open.





JIM: Just a minute, Walt....Fellas, I hope you haven't gotten the impression that calling this kind of a meeting tonight was just pure sull duggery, tryin' to bribe you with a lot of doughnuts and hot coffee and soften you up to our way of thinking. I'll admit we did hope it'd get everybody in a kind of reasonable frame of mind, all right, and it looks like everybody's mellow and friendly. But that's no reason why we can't bring out the issues here and kick 'em around between us, and maybe clear up some of them. What about it, Tom Barlow? Can't you give us the ranchers' side of this?

TOM: Okay, Jim. That's fair enough, I reckon. Truth is, Jim, us ranchers have felt for a long time that we were kinda getting a raw deal from the hunters every year they came up here to Bull Creek. (CROWD MURMUR)  
Well, you asked for it....

WALT: Go on, Tom.

TOM: We kinda pride ourselves on our breeding stock, us ranchers do. And with the war on and need for meat so great nobody can blame us for wanting to keep our breeders in the best shape possible.

WALT: What's the point, Tom?





1 TOM: Just this, Mr. Game Commissioner. In the past these  
2 hunting boys haven't given much consideration to our cattle  
3 that've been sharing the range with the deer they're  
4 especially interested in. That's resulted in a lotta crazy  
5 hunting and tomfoolery shooting and the like that's kept  
6 our cattle disturbed and arunning, knocking the fat off 'em.  
7 That's been one of the troubles.

8 JIM: I reckon there's something to that complaint, too, Tom.  
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1 WALT: What else you got against the hunters, Tom?....I notice you  
2 got 'em squirming a bit. (CROWD LAUGHS) They can sneak up  
3 later if they want to.

4 TOM: Well, the other thing's this. As Jim Robbins knows, himself,  
5 us ranchers have gone to a lotto expense building up and  
6 maintaining good watering places for our stock. Well, to the  
7 hunters, those watering places have bee just so many dad-blamed  
8 good camping spots to keep the cattle away from and use  
9 themselves. And nothing makes a cattlemen madder than to have  
10 his watering places closed to his cattle. Well, this year we  
11 decided to do something about it. We figured it was time,  
12 maybe, to post our land and....

13 JIM: Wait a minute, will you, Tom? I'd like to say a few words  
14 before you go on...

15 TOM: Well, I wasn't exactly finished, Jim, but go ahead....

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1 JIM: Thanks...Tom, I know now how you and these other Bull Creek  
2 ranchers feel about all this. And I reckon some of the blame  
3 mine for not tryin' to do something about it sooner. Just the  
4 same, Tom, this thing that's come up between you and the  
5 hunters, I don't think you ought to let it wreck the land  
6 arrangement we've got here in Bull Creek. Cattle's one thing,  
7 deer's another, and the land's another. Together they make  
8 up this whole Bull Creek area. And since we started this  
9 cooperative management together, we've seen good cattle go  
10 to market, we've had an annual harvest of good deer, and we've  
11 helped to sustain the growth of good feed for both the cattle  
12 and the deer. It took the national forest land and your  
13 ranch land together to work it out, but management of this area  
14 has been to your own profit and the public good. I think  
15 it'll be a doggoned shame if you let what happens during a  
16 short hunting period break up an area that's so valuable as a  
17 complete management unit, year in and year out...There ought to  
18 be some way to iron out your difficulties with the hunters and,  
19 well, that's all I got to say...(CROWD LAUGHS) Well,  
20 doggone it, what's so funny?

21 TOM: (LAUGHING) Don't take it so seriously, Jim.

22 JIM: This is a serious matter, Tom. Maybe you fellows don't....

23 TOM: Of course it's serious. We weren't laughing at what you said.  
24 It's true, every bit of it. And every single man here tonight  
25 knows it, Jim. It's just that we're way ahead of you.





1 JIM: Huh? What's that?

2 WALT: You mean you've already gotten together, you ranchers and hunters?

3 CHORUS OF YEAH AND SURE....

4 TOM: That's right, Mr. Game Commissioner. We're all straightened  
 5 away. Bob Swift and I kinda worked it all up with the  
 6 fellas while we were dunking doughnuts. We've come to an  
 7 agreement. (SLOWLY) Us ranchers are going to gather our  
 8 beef animals and work it so that our breeding stock will graze  
 9 away from the hunting areas during the shooting period. For  
 10 their part, the hunters are going to keep our gates closed,  
 11 and camp away from the watering places. That, along with the  
 12 fact that there won't be any ammunition to waste on senseless  
 13 shooting this year, ought to fix things up okay. You can have  
 14 your deer hunt.

15 JIM: Well, I'll be jiggered. Why didn't you tell us that before I  
 16 got all worked up?

17 TOM: (LAUGHING) You didn't give me a chance...Jim, we're obliged to  
 18 you for bringing us to our senses with this kind of a meeting.  
 19 That's all it took, getting us together out here on the  
 20 ground. We're plannin' to make it an annual affair from now  
 21 on, too. So we can exchange notes and keep trouble from  
 22 starting in the first place. How's that, Jim?

23 JIM: (WITH FEELING) Couldn't be better, Tom...Now I reckon I can  
 24 enjoy some....Hey, Jerry, what happened to my plate of  
 25 doughnuts? Well, of all the mean, low-down, conniving deals...  
 Who stole my doughnuts?



1 CROWD LAUGHS OUT

2 MUSICAL FINALE

3 ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you each week during the  
4 National Farm and Home Hour as a network presentation with the  
5 cooperation of the Forest Service, United States Department  
6 of Agriculture.  
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